

Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-4)



Congresswoman Moore is a member of the prestigious House Committee on Financial Services, which has jurisdiction over the banking, insurance and housing industries. She serves on two subcommittees of the House Committee on Financial Services, including the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee. Rep. Moore also serves on the House Budget Committee, which oversees the federal budget process, reviews all bills and resolutions on the budget, and monitors agencies and programs funded from the budget process. She is a member of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and a Regional Whip for the Democratic Caucus.

In addition to her committee work, Congresswoman Moore is the immediate past Democratic Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. She held this position from January 2011 until January 2013 and served as Democratic Vice Chair from 2009 to 2011. As a champion for women, Congresswoman Moore has become a leader on issues like women's health, women's economic and retirement security, and domestic violence and sexual assault – leading the charge in the House of Representatives to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act this Congress.

Congresswoman Moore has been tapped as a leader on world affairs for four consecutive years as a U.S. delegate to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly. In this previous role, Congresswoman Moore pushed the OSCE nations to address the high global maternal mortality rates. She worked to improve the health of women and to deal with the vulture funds that prey on poor nations that have been selected to benefit from global debt relief efforts. The OSCE is responsible for helping assure cooperation between European countries on a number of economic, political and security issues, including the protection of human rights.

Congresswoman Moore is a strong advocate for measures that focus on improving the economic and employment conditions in low-income communities. She has fought to curb predatory lending in minority neighborhoods, supported sound efforts to help small businesses grow and advance the creation of new jobs, pushed for more affordable housing and advocated for compliance with respect to the non-discriminatory hiring of minority-owned businesses for government contracts.

Congresswoman Moore has been an ardent supporter of initiatives that put low-income students on the path to educational success. She has consistently supported legislation to ensure low-income students have school access to three nutritious meals a day, year-round, as good nutrition has been proven to improve children's educational outcomes. Congresswoman Moore has also advocated for Federal TRIO programs, which are designed to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight outreach and support programs targeted to serve and assist low-income students, first generation college students and students with disabilities as they progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

When it comes to our troops, Representative Moore has been a strong advocate for boosting the efforts of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure our nation's service members and veterans get the care they need to successfully address Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). In order to combat the stigma associated with PTSD, Congresswoman Moore has cosponsored and introduced legislation to promote confidential mental health care services for members of the military.

She has also supported increased funding for PTSD research and treatment programs. With her colleagues, Congresswoman Moore has led efforts urging the Army to help reduce the perception that seeking mental health counseling will negatively impact a person's military career and promotion prospects. She continues to work with the VA and DoD to ensure that the needs of our men and women in uniform, and their families, are being met.

Born in Racine, Wisconsin in 1951, Congresswoman Moore was raised in Milwaukee. The eighth of nine children, Rep. Moore's father was a factory worker and her mother was a public school teacher. Congresswoman Moore attended North Division High School in Milwaukee where she served as Student Council President. After graduation, Rep. Moore started college at Milwaukee's Marquette University as a single, expectant mother on welfare who could only complete her education with the help of TRIO. Congresswoman Moore earned a B.A. in Political Science from Marquette University, and went on to serve as a community leader, spearheading the start-up of a community credit union as a Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) volunteer for which she earned the national "VISTA Volunteer of the Decade" award from 1976-1986.

She served in the Wisconsin State Senate from 1993-2004. Prior to her election to the Senate, Congresswoman Moore served two consecutive terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly from 1989-1992. In 2000, Congresswoman Moore earned a Harvard University Certificate for Senior Executives in State and Local Government. As a state legislator, Congresswoman Moore was a champion for progressive and social issues and has continued to stand up as a voice for each and every constituent and neighborhood across the city. She applied her career expertise to help create jobs and build communities. She made a positive impact in critical issues related to welfare, education and criminal justice. A tireless advocate for women's rights and civil rights, Congresswoman Moore led the fight against racial profiling, domestic abuse and voting rights violations.

Congresswoman Moore is the proud mother of Jessalynne, Ade and Sowande "Supreme" and grandmother of three.

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